

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner: Fronda, Christian L.
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 Woon-Lam Susan LEUNG, *et al.*) Art Unit: 1652
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 For: **PROCESS FOR BACTERIAL) Customer No. 35489**
PRODUCTION OF POLYPEPTIDES)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 17, 2009 in connection with the above-identified patent application (Confirmation No. 5652). The present Response is accompanied by a Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time, and an unsigned Declaration of Michael Lard under 37 C.F.R. §1.132.

Although no claim amendments are made, the claims are reproduced for the Examiner's convenience.

Claims begin on page **2** of this paper.

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